



MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE

YEAR 1943

To the Chairman and Members of the Alsager Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman and Councillors,

I beg to present my Annual Report for 1943.

A. STATISTICS OF THE AREA

AREA ... 2241 Acres

Registrar General's estimate of the resident population in 1943.

Estimated population in 1943 from Food Office Records.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1943) according to the Rate Books.

Rateable value.

Sum represented by a penny rate.

The Ministry of

Health do not wish

these figures to be

published (Circ. 2604)

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Live Births	66	34	32
Legitimate	65	33	32
Illegitimate	1	1	-

Still Births 1 (Male)

DEATHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Transferable from outside the area	12	7	5
Within the area	27	13	14
	39	20	19

Total deaths 39

Deaths from puerperal causes	0
Deaths of infants under 1 year	6
Deaths from measles or whooping cough	0
Deaths from infantile diarrhoea (under 2 years)	0

Ages at Death

Under 1 year	...	6
" 5 years	..	0
5 - 20 years	...	0
20 - 30 "	...	1
30 - 40 "	...	1
40 - 50 "	...	1
50 - 60 "	...	10
60 - 70 "	...	8
70 - 80 "	...	6
Over 80 "	...	<u>6</u>
		39

Causes of Death

Diseases of the Heart	...	12
" " Lungs	...	4
" " Kidneys	...	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	...	2
Cancer	...	5
Accidents	...	1
Asphyxia	...	1
Broncho & Lobar Pneumonia	...	5
Prematurity	...	4
Arterio Sclerosis	...	3
Senility	...	<u>1</u>
		59

Three inquests were held in the district during the year.

B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. Public Health Officers of the Authority.

- (1) Medical Officer of Health
- (2) Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector (combined offices)

The above have held the offices for 22 and 36 years respectively.

The Medical Officer of Health is part-time, and the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector is a full-time official.

There is a temporary part-time District Medical Officer, (Public Assistance).

There is no Public Vaccinator resident in the area.

2(a) Laboratory Facilities

The usual arrangements are in force. The Pathological Department of the Royal Infirmary, Chester, is available for all forms of bacteriological examination.

2(b) Ambulance Facilities

The Civil Defence Ambulance is kept in the district. It may be used for accident or urgent cases by arrangement with the Medical Officer of Health or the A. R. P. Officer. A motor ambulance can also be obtained without undue delay from the neighbouring authorities, such as the Urban District of Kildsgrove, the Boroughs of Crowe or Newcastle, or the City of Stoke-on-Trent.

2 (c) Nursing in the Home

A part-time District Nurse is employed, whose salary is maintained by public subscriptions to the Alsager Sick Nursing Fund. This Society is affiliated with the County Association and is administered by a Committee of your Council.

In September last Mr Elsby resigned the Secretaryship, which he had held for many years, and Mr Harwood undertook the Office. The Committee has been revived and meetings held.

There are no arrangements for nursing infectious diseases and none are required as the patients are removed to Conglonton Isolation Hospital unless private isolation can be provided. No special arrangement is made for Whooping Cough and Measles, which have to be looked after at home except in complicated cases of those diseases which may be admitted to the West Heath Sanatorium.

(d) Clinic and Treatment Centres

Those are as mentioned in previous reports.

A school clinic and a treatment centre for Scabies has been provided at the Lawton Road Building Estate.

The Infant Welfare Centre, held at Alsager every two weeks has been doing useful work and attendance has been good during 1966.

Venereal cases can obtain treatment as follows.-

North Stafford Royal Infirmary

Malos	-	Monday and Friday	6.30 p.m. - 8.0 p.m.
		Tuesday to Thursday	9.30 a.m. - 12 noon
Females	-	Monday and Friday	5.0 p.m. - 6 p.m.
		Tuesday to Thursday	9.30 a.m. - 12 noon
		Saturday	10.0 a.m. - 12 noon

Municipal Treatment Centre, Wollesley Street, Hanley

Both Sexes	-	Monday and Thursday	2.30 p.m. - 7.0 p.m.
		Tuesday and Friday	10.30 a.m. - 1.0 p.m.
		Wednesday	2.30 p.m. - 5.0 p.m.

(e) Hospitals Subsidised by the Sanitary Authority or by the County Council.

- (1) Fever The West Heath Sanatorium, Nr. Conglonton.
Here accommodation has been sufficient and arrangements quite satisfactory
- (2) Smallpox There is a building for the accommodation of this at Arclid (not open at present).
- (3) Tuberculosis (a) The Cheshire Joint Sanatorium, Nr Markot Drayton.
(b) The Convalescent Colony at Wrenbury Hall.
- (4) Orthopaedic An Orthopaedic Clinic is held at Crewe every Monday at the Crewe Memorial Hospital, to deal with these cases, at which an orthopaedic specialist attends at intervals.

Hospital Treatment at the North Staffs Royal Infirmary and at The Cripples Aid Society Hospital, is also available.

- (5) Mental Disease The County Mental Hospital.

(c) Hospitals (Continued)

- (6) There is no special Maternity Hospital for the district Cases of Parvovirus Fever are received by the North Staffs Royal Infirmary and provision for specialist and hospital services is made for them under the County Council Scheme.

Provision may also be made by the County Council for certain maternity cases to be received into Linden Grange Maternity Hospital, Crews.

- (7) The North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary provides all other forms of Hospital Treatment and is subscribed to by Voluntary Contributors and a General Contributory Scheme from residents in the district

Midwifery Services

A Maternity Nurse, appointed by the County Council, provides domiciliary service in the district, under the County Council Scheme (Midwives Act 1936). She resides within the district of Alsager, and also acts as Health Visitor for this area.

Mortuary

The premises at the rear of Prospect House have been adopted for mortuary purposes by your Council.

C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply Arrangements to supply a neighbouring authority were completed; a gradual diminution of yield will very soon necessitate the procuring of water from other sources if the demand is to be met.

Analysis of water the remarks of the County Analyst upon a sample of water taken in October were "Water of a high degree of organic purity".

Sewage Disposal Works All the three works have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

Refuse Dump This has received constant attention and is semi-controlled.

Farms and Dairies No special features called for attention. Inspection revealed no serious cases of neglect or negligence.

Sanitary Inspections

(a)	Total number of inspections made	276
(b)	" " " notices served	220

Informal notices resulted in defects being remedied.

Housing Statistics (See Report)

D. HOUSING

Housing statistics

Cases of overcrowding Nil

Total number of houses inspected for defects under the Public Health & Housing Acts 37

No. of informal notices served

Housing Statistics (Contd)

No. of defects remedied.	75
No. of defects carried forward.	5
No. of houses found not reasonably fit for habitation.	0
No. of houses found unfit for habitation.	0

E. Inspection and Supervision of Food

Shop premises and premises where food is produced were found to be clean and well looked after, attention was called to minor defects only.

Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food

This may be carried out at the Laboratory of the Royal Infirmary, Chester.

Prevalence and Control over Infectious and other diseases

There were 38 cases of Notifiable Infectious Disease (including tuberculosis) during the year, as follows.-

Scarlet Fever	19
Diphtheria	5
Dysentery (Sonne)	5
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	7
Puerperal Pyoemia	1
Undulant or Malta Fever	1
	38

The cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria were removed to Congleton Isolation Hospital, except 2 of Scarlet Fever who were sent to Boadwell Isolation Hospital, West Heath being unable to accommodate them.

The cases of Dysentery were sent to the Isolation Hospital, Davenham, Northwich.

Notification of Measles and Whooping Cough

There were 12 cases of Measles and 8 cases of Whooping Cough notified during the year.

Tuberculosis

New cases and mortality during 1943

Age Periods	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1								
1 - 5								
5 - 15								
15 - 25	1							
25 - 35	1	3						
35 - 45		1						
45 - 55	1							
55 - 65	1							
65 & upwards	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

Immunisation against Diphtheria

Your Council has adopted the provision of facilities for immunisation against Diphtheria and organisms of the Typhoid Group on the Circular 2270 from the Ministry of Health.

The scheme is entirely voluntary, the issue of the vaccine is free and the expense of administration rests with your Council.

Number of children completely immunised against Diphtheria during the year 1947.

178

Record Cards are kept of these cases. No child who has been immunised has contracted Diphtheria.

Arrangements made under the Scabies Order 1941

A Scabies Clinic was started during the year at the School Clinic at The Lawton Road Building Estate. Treatments are carried out by Sister Bevington and facilities are provided by your Council.

The prevalence of Cancer is not abnormal. There were 4 deaths from it.

Disinfection of Premises, which have been exposed to infection, is carried out by the local authority. Bedding, clothing etc, are removed to West Heath Sanatorium for disinfection.

A motor ambulance is provided for the conveyance of patients to and from the Sanatorium.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Henry P. Harpur, M.D.

July 7th, 1948.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH